



ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT STATEMENT

# Environmental Process

## Draft Environmental Impact Statement | 1.1

The Mountain View Corridor (MVC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was initiated to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The NEPA process requires study of alternatives and impacts to help evaluate the best overall solution by evaluating and disclosing all information. The MVC EIS examined regional transportation needs and potential impacts in the study area of western Salt Lake County and northwestern Utah County.

### Scoping

The MVC EIS began with identifying potential transportation solutions and related community issues in a process called "scoping." As a part of "scoping," Envision Utah partnered with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to facilitate discussion of the relationship between transportation and land use. This discussion included a visioning process called "Growth Choices" that incorporated working with government officials, businesses, stakeholder groups, and the public to create a vision of transportation and land use in the future. Ultimately, the MVC project team reviewed more than 300 potential transportation solutions.



### The Alternatives

After the list of preliminary transportation solutions was completed, they were extensively analyzed in a process called "screening." Detailed questions were asked about each roadway and transit option to further narrow the list of viable solutions. In order to qualify for detailed study, a potential solution, or alternative, needed to improve regional mobility by reducing roadway congestion and supporting increased transit availability. Two roadway and two transit alternatives in Salt Lake County were forwarded for further study, along with three roadway alternatives in Utah County.

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Please see Summary of the Draft EIS for more detailed information.

### FAQs

#### How were the list of alternatives narrowed?

A "screening" process to eliminate alternatives was conducted based on the following questions:

- How does this alternative perform?
- How much will this alternative cost to build?
- Is this alternative already being considered as a separate project on the Long Range Plan?
- What impact will this alternative have on the environment?

#### Does FHWA, the final decision maker, provide input along the way or reserve all of their comments for the Record of Decision?

UDOT has coordinated extensively with FHWA in completing the MVC EIS. By seeking input along the way, UDOT has worked hard to complete a meaningful, thorough and comprehensive EIS.

#### Who will decide which transit alternative will be built?

The transit decision will be made by the Utah Transit Authority in cooperation with UDOT and in consultation with the Federal Transit Authority.

### Public Hearings

**Wednesday, November 14**  
**Hunter High School**  
**West Valley City: 4 - 8 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 15**  
**Willow Creek Middle School**  
**Lehi: 4 - 8 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 17**  
**Copper Hills High School**  
**West Jordan: 2 - 6 p.m.**

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#### Comment Period

Oct. 17 - Jan. 24, 2008

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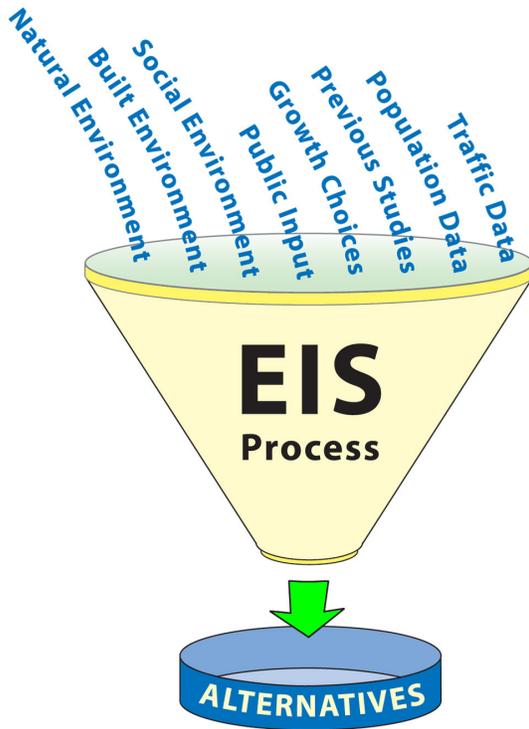
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After the public and other government agencies were given the opportunity to comment on the alternatives that remained after screening, the alternatives were refined and modified based on extensive study of impacts to the natural and built environment.



### Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements

Results of extensive study of impacts for the remaining alternatives are outlined in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This document and its data is available to the public at libraries throughout the study area, the Utah Department of Transportation, the project website and will be presented at three public hearings in November. The public has the opportunity to give input during the comment period and at the public hearings. Comments received during the Draft EIS public comment period will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, which will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). FHWA will ultimately make the final selection of a preferred alternative upon publication of the "Record of Decision." The Record of Decision is expected in 2008 and determines which transportation solution to move forward in each county. The Utah Legislature along with the Utah Transportation Commission must then determine how to fund the project.

Please see Summary of the Draft EIS for more detailed information.

### Draft EIS Locations

#### INTERNET

[www.udot.utah.gov/mountainview](http://www.udot.utah.gov/mountainview)

#### DEIS HARD COPY – LIBRARY LOCATIONS

**Salt Lake City Main Library**  
210 E 400 S, Salt Lake City

**J. Willard Marriott Library  
Government Documents**  
295 S 1500 E, Salt Lake City

**Day-Riverside Library**  
1575 W 1000 N, Salt Lake City

**Hunter Library**  
4740 W 4100 S, West Valley City

**Magna Library**  
8339 W 3500 S, Magna

**Park Library**  
4870 S 2700 W, Taylorsville

**Kearns Library**  
5350 S 4220 W, Kearns

**West Jordan Library**  
1970 W 7800 S, West Jordan

**South Jordan Library**  
10673 S Redwood Rd, South Jordan

**Riverton Library**  
12860 S Redwood Rd, Riverton

**Herriman Library**  
13198 S 5600 W, Herriman

**American Fork Library**  
64 S 100 E, American Fork

**Pleasant Grove Library**  
30 E Center St, Pleasant Grove

**Lehi Library**  
120 N Center St, Lehi

**Pointe Meadow Library**  
2151 N Pointe Meadow Dr, Lehi

**Eagle Mountain Library**  
1680 E Heritage Dr, Eagle Mountain

#### FEDEX KINKO'S LOCATIONS

**Salt Lake County (DEIS CD-Rom)**  
5616 S. Redwood Rd, Taylorsville

**Utah County (DEIS Hard Copy)**  
561 W 130 N, American Fork

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